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SUBJECT: SUGAR -- INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN ISO
ADVISORY GROUP

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER DATED DECEMBER 18, FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL SUGAR ORGANIZATION (ISO), ERNEST JONES-PARRY, INVITING THE UNITED STATES TO PARTICIPATE AS OBSERVERS AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE ISO ADVISORY GROUP ON NEGOTIATING A NEW INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9 AT 10:00 A.M. AND DEPENDING UPON THE GROUP'S DESIRES MAY CONTINUE FOR THE ENTIRE WEEK. THE GROUP WILL BE EXPECTED TO CONSIDER A DRAFT AGREEMENT PREPARED BY THE SECRETARIAT AND ADVISE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CONCERNING HIS REPORT TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (APRIL 12-13, 1976).

2. JONES-PARRY HAS BEEN GIVEN WIDE LATITUDE IN SELECTING PARTICIPANTS FOR THE ADVISORY GROUP, WITH THE TACIT CONCURRENCE OF THE COUNCIL TO INVITE KEY NON-MEMBERS (READ THE US AND THE EC) TO PARTICIPATE.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE PARTICIPATED AS OBSERVERS IN PREVIOUS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE AND ISO COUNCIL MEETINGS. UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, WE INTEND TO REPLY TO LETTER THAT GEORGE THIGPEN AND CLINE WARREN OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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EMBASSY STAFF WILL BE HAPPY TO PARTICIPATE INFORMALLY

AS OBSERVERS IN THE ADVISORY GROUP MEETING. FORMAL
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